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~~available sub-batches. An image cache can be used to store image data associated with the images while the images are queued for printing, and an image processor can be used to process the images prior to printing. After printing, the image prints can be aligned using alignment equipment and have any curling due to drying reduced using curl reduction equipment. In addition, the image prints can be backprinted using a backprinter. The image prints can then be binned, packaged, and shipped. Moreover, two or more sub batches from the same sub-order can be combined and packaged and/or shipped together to the recipient associated with the sub-order.~~

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph as follows:

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Priority is claimed from United States provisional patent applications serial no. 60/151,533, filed August 31, 1999, serial no. 60/159,372, filed October 14, 1999, and serial no. 60/____ 167,243 (Attorney Docket No. 11087/01OP10), filed November 24, 1999, and entitled "Digital Photo Printing Services," and this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/436,704, filed November 9, 1999, and entitled "Distributing Images to Multiple Recipients," which is incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 29, 2003 required restriction to Group I. The length of the Abstract was objected to. Claims 1-11 were rejected under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Fredlund (USPN 5,166,215) and Johnson (USPN 6,052,670). Claims 12-24, 29-55, 59-76 and 89 were rejected as unpatentable over Fredlund, Johnson, and Cok (USPN 6,157,436). Claims 25-28, 58 and 62 were rejected as unpatentable over Fredlund, Johnson, Cok and Shaked (USPN 6,660,573). Claim 56 was rejected as unpatentable over Fredlund, Johnson, Cok and Chan (USPN 5,557,761). Claim 57 was rejected as unpatentable over Fredlund, Johnson, Cok and Gringeri (USPN 6,233,226). Claim 77 was rejected as unpatentable over Fredlund, Johnson and Zorn (USPN 6,129,346). Claims 78-80 were rejected over Fredlund, Johnson, and Juan (USPN 6,554,415). Claims 81-84 were rejected over Fredlund, Johnson, Juan and Church